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LET US ASSIST YOU IN SOLVING PRESCRIPTION PROBLEMS.

As stated in former issues of the JOURNAL OF THE A. PH. A., Dr. S. L. Hilton, former President of the A. PH. A. and Chairman of its Council, well and favorably known pharmacist of Washington, has consented to answer problems that come up in prescription practice. We, therefore, invite those who have problems to send them to this office at 10 W. Chase St.

REPORT ON THE DRUG STORE SURVEY.

The conference on the St. Louis Drug store Survey will be held in St. Louis April 26th and 27th. The program committee met in New York, February 15th, and drafted a program of addresses by which the information can be given to the drug industries most effectively. The committee consists of Ray Whidden, Chicago; Carl Meyer, St. Louis; Secretary E. L. Newcomb, of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association; Chairman E. Fullerton Cook, of the U. S. P. Revision Committee; J. M. Drescher, St. Louis; Harry J. Schnell, Herbert Mayes, Aglar Cook, Frank Blair, Stanley I. Clark, New York City; R. E. L. Williamson, Federal Wholesale Druggists' Association.

Dr. Frank A. Delgado of the St. Louis Survey service has promised a report for the JOURNAL to be used in the April issue. He also advises that publications on the Survey are to be issued in the near future as follows:

On Drug Store Rating, a publication of about 126 pages in length. A second publication dealing with the *Causes of Failures among Drug*

Stores of about twenty-three pages in length and this will be part of the National Drug Store Survey. A third or fourth publication available about the end of April will report on *Prescription Department Sales in the Retail Drug Stores*.

Dr. Delgado is a practical pharmacist and his comprehensive reports will be of great value and interest. The various surveys now being made on different phases of prescription practice will not only acquaint pharmacists with the importance of their activities, their value, but also the departments of the government and the people generally.

On account of the number of pages given elsewhere to prescription analyses further comment will be deferred.

ADDITIONS TO THE BELGIAN NATIONAL FORMULARY.

It is proposed to include the following formulæ in a new edition of the Belgian "Formulaire National."

ELIXIR ACIDI NUCLEINICI.

Nucleinic acid.....	6.70 Gm.
Sodium glycerophosphate (50 per cent).....	13.35 Gm.
Water.....	20.00 Gm.
Sodium methylarsenate.....	1.70 Gm.
Vanillin.....	0.02 Gm.
Alcohol.....	50.00 Gm.
Strong wine (e. g., sherry) to.....	1000 cc.

SAL VICHY FACITUM.

Sodium phosphate.....	20 Gm.
Potassium phosphate.....	50 Gm.

Sodium chloride.....	80 Gm.
Sodium bicarbonate.....	850 Gm.

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HYDROCHLORIDI.

Narceine hydrochloride.....	1.0 Gm.
Thebaine hydrochloride.....	2.0 Gm.
Codeine hydrochloride.....	2.5 Gm.
Papaverine hydrochloride.....	4.0 Gm.
Sodium chloride.....	10.5 Gm.
Narcotine hydrochloride.....	30.0 Gm.
Morphine hydrochloride.....	50.0 Gm.

PASTA CALLOT NO. 1.

Camphorated phenol.....	6 Gm.
Camphorated naphthol.....	6 Gm.
Guaiaacol.....	15 Gm.
Iodoform.....	20 Gm.
Anhydrous lanoline.....	100 Gm.

Callot's paste, No. 2 is half strength.

SOLUTIO CALLOT.

Olive oil.....	70 Gm.
Ether.....	39 Gm.
Iodoform.....	10 Gm.
Guaiaacol.....	1 Gm.
Creosote.....	5 Gm.

From the *Pharmaceutical Journal and Pharmacist*.

SHAVING CREAM.

The following is the formula of a cream for shaving without water or brush:

Spermaceti.....	5.0
Borax.....	3.0
Stearic acid.....	20.0
Glycerin.....	20.0
Distilled water.....	80.0
Hard soap.....	10.0
Caustic soda solution (20 per cent).....	2.0

The method of preparation is to liquefy the solids over a water-bath, add the soda solution, and stir in after it has been removed from the source of heat.—From *Chemist & Druggist*.

BRIEF ITEMS FROM PORTO RICO.

BY CÉSAR A. TORO.

At the last meeting of the Pharmaceutical Association of Porto Rico it was moved by President Toro to extend to the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION a hearty invitation to hold a meeting in Porto Rico, and this motion was unanimously approved,

Porto Rico pharmacists were honored by a visit of Dean John R. Minehart, accompanied

by Mrs. Minehart, Mrs. (Rev.) Francis Wetherill, Hon. T. Z. Minehart, Dr. Senica Egvert and daughter, and Wm. Ziesel. These visitors were received by delegations from the College of Liberal Arts and of Pharmacy in the name of the University of Porto Rico. Members of the medical, dental and pharmaceutical associations and the alumni group accompanied the visitors during their stay. They visited the historical Morro Castle, the School of Tropical Medicines, at which time Dr. Senica Egvert complimented Dr. Bailey K. Ashford, in the name of his friend, Dr. H. K. Mulford. A visit was also made to the Asylum for the Insane and to the University of Porto Rico where luncheon was served.



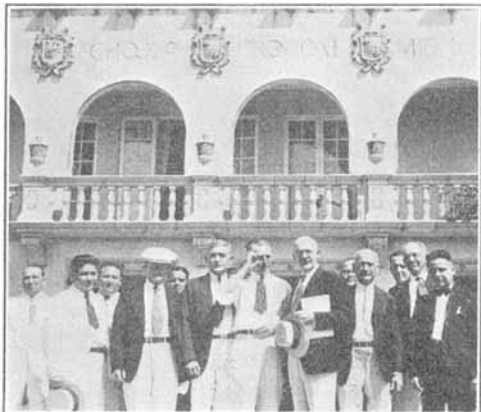
Mr. Washington Llorens, Secretary-Treasurer of the Pharmaceutical Association of Porto Rico, receiving from Dr. Minehart the Temple Alumni Gold Medal for 1931. With them, Dr. Carlos E. Chardon, Chancellor of the University of Porto Rico.

Chancellor Carlos E. Chardon addressed the visitors and Dean Minehart responded. A banquet was provided by the Alumni Group at Cosmo Springs.

The Temple Alumni Medal for 1931 was conferred by Dean Minehart on Secretary-Treasurer Washington Llorens, of the Phar-

maceutical Association of Porto Rico. Hearty congratulations were extended to him.

A new Pharmacy Bill has been presented for consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It was prepared by the Committee on Legislation of the Association and has the approval of the pharmaceutical profession; it is intended to elevate the professional standard of pharmacy in Porto Rico and secure protection for the people.



John R. Minehart and companions during their visit to the School of Tropical Medicine, at San Juan, Porto Rico. In the center, Dr. Blackman, Director of the School and Dr. Bailey K. Ashford.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM MEXICO.

BY DR. G. G. COLIN.

PROFESSIONAL PHARMACY IN NEED OF REGULATION.

Local newspapers have been giving wide publicity to accidents due to mislabeling of prescriptions. In one case the customer assaulted the pharmacist, who in turn used a gun in self-defense, wounding the customer; labels had been changed in a prescription calling for preparations, one for oral and the other for external use. In another case a little girl was the victim: A poisonous substance was used to compound the prescription, by mistake.

Since this publicity is detrimental to professional pharmacy, the Sociedad Farmacéutica Mexicana will take action in the matter. A memorial is being prepared demanding the much-needed regulation of ARTICLE IV of the Constitution as regards the practice of pharmacy.

There are approximately 5000 pharmacies in the Mexican Republic, of which the majority are not conducted by professional pharmacists, since the law does not specifically demand it. Anyone so desiring may run a pharmacy, simply stating on his labels and store signs that he is not a professional pharmacist. The only legal requirement is to place the statement "Responsible sin título" under the name of the proprietor. The Mexican Health Department has repeatedly called the attention of competent authorities to the fact that such a situation is a constant menace to public health. However, since the enforcement of a law regulating the practice of pharmacy would seriously affect the interests of a large group, the affected ones have always been prompt in repealing any attempt of regulation by Congress. A similar situation is prevalent as regards other professions like medicine, chemistry, engineering, law, where competition from non-professional men gives rise to frequent accidents and mishaps.

COÖPERATION BETWEEN PHARMACISTS AND PHYSICIANS.

The Pharmaceutical Association of Monterrey, Nuevo León, held a meeting to celebrate the anniversary of its president, Sr. M. Mendoza Vazquez.

The necessity of closer coöperation between pharmacists and physicians was emphasized by Prof. L. Galván Terviño and favorably commented by Dr. N. L. Tamez, the latter representing the Mexican Medical Association. The beneficial results of such coöperation was also discussed in relation to the development of national pharmaceutical industry. Physicians were exhorted to prescribe products manufactured in the country in order to restrict the importations of similars.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dean Wulling attended the meetings of the Iowa State Pharmaceutical Association and the joint meetings of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, February 16th to 19th, inclusive. He gave a lengthy address to the joint meeting of the boards and colleges, and a briefer one to the Iowa Pharmaceutical Veterans' Association.

M. H. Doss, of Apalachicola, was appointed chief state drug inspector, effective March 1st,